Vote No. 57

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FY 97 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS/Cloture

SUBJECT: Supplemental Appropriations and Rescissions Act for fiscal year 1997 . . . S. 672. Sessions motion to close debate.

ACTION: CLOTURE MOTION AGREED TO, 100-0

SYNOPSIS: As reported, S. 672, the Supplemental Appropriations and Rescissions Act for fiscal year (FY) 1997, will provide emergency disaster funding, funding for continuing military operations in Bosnia and Iraq, and supplemental funding. Budget authority (BA) offsets also will be provided. Other bill provisions include funding for highways and veterans, and a provision to prevent a Government shutdown by providing continuing funds if appropriations are not passed by October 1, 1997. On May 5, 1997, Senator Sessions, for himself and others, moved to close debate on S. 672.

NOTE: The motion to invoke cloture requires a three-fifths majority (60) vote to succeed.

Those favoring the motion to invoke cloture contended:

Congress needs to respond quickly to the flooding in the North. Financial assistance is needed now. Unfortunately, the pace on this bill has not reflected that reality. We are already in our third day of consideration of S. 672, and currently there are 109 amendments filed that Senators still want to be considered. The only way we can speed this process up is to invoke cloture. Many of those amendments are nongermane, and the managers of this bill intend to oppose them for that reason in post-cloture debate. Senators who had amendments that they wanted to call up should have done so by now. We are not willing to delay matters further. We urge our colleagues to join us in closing debate, in order that we may dispose of the remaining amendments and pass S. 672 in short order.

No arguments were expressed in opposition to the motion.

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